

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend/replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 20-24 as follows:

Body 40 is adapted to prevent expansion of plates 62 and 66 greater than width 47 and length 48 of cavity 45. In an exemplary embodiment, body 40 includes a plurality of reinforcing ribs 47 41. Ribs 41 add structural rigidity to body 40 to prevent bowing of the body, and, thus prevent expansion of plates 62 and 66 greater than width 47 and length 48 of cavity 45.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 16 and 27 without prejudice.

Please amend/replace claims 2-5, 17-21, 28-32 and 36 as follows:

Claim 1. (cancelled)

Claim 2. (currently amended)      The battery cell of claim + 32, wherein said cover provides a compressive force to said compressible stack of battery cell elements.

Claim 3. (currently amended)      The battery cell of claim + 32, wherein said receiving area is larger in one or more battery plate growth directions than said compressible stack of battery cell elements.

Claim 4. (currently amended)      The battery cell of claim + 32, wherein said receiving area is smaller one direction than said compressible stack of battery cell elements.

Claim 5. (currently amended)      The battery cell of claim + 32, further comprising one or more apertures on said battery cell structure for receiving a battery electrolyte.

Claim 6. (cancelled)